

1. This is a *bona fide* attempt by applicant to advance this application, while at the same time filing a:  
(check (a), (b) or (c) as applicable)

(a) [x] Continuation application.  
(b) [ ] Continuation-in-part application.  
(c) [ ] Divisional application (*where parent case is to be abandoned*).

A copy of this petition is being filed with the papers constituting the filing of the separately filed application.

NOTE: *Each paper or fee referred to as enclosed herein has the number of the "Express Mail" label placed thereon prior to mailing.* 37 C.F.R. Section 1.10(b).

2. This is a petition under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136(a) for an extension of time to respond to

(check and complete (d) or (e), as applicable)

(d) [x] the Office Action mailed December 8, 2006  
(e) [ ] other \_\_\_\_\_

3. [ ] Please abandon this application conditioned upon the granting of the petition and the granting of a filing date to the continuing application, so as to make the continuing application copending with this application. (*Notice of May 13, 1983, 1031 O.G. 11-12*).

4. Applicant is

[x] a small entity.  
The statement:  
[ ] is enclosed.  
[x] has already been filed. This status is still proper and its benefit under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.28(a) is hereby claimed.  
[ ] other than a small entity.

5. Extension requested

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

(a) [x] Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136(a) (fees: 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(a)(1)-(4)) for the total number of months checked below:

Extension (months)	Fee for other than small entity	Fee for small entity
[ ] one month	\$ 120.00	\$ 60.00
[ ] two months	\$ 450.00	\$ 225.00
[x] three months	\$ 1,020.00	\$ 510.00
[ ] four months	\$ 1,590.00	\$ 795.00
[ ] five months	\$ 2,160.00	\$ 1,080.00

Fee: \$ 510.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

*(check and complete the next item, if applicable)*

An extension for \_\_\_\_\_ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

OR

(b)  Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

6. Fee Payment

Attached is a check in the sum of \$ 510.00  
 Charge Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ the sum of \$  
A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

7. Fee Deficiency or Overpayment

**NOTE:** *If there is a fee deficiency and there is no authorization to charge an account, additional fees are necessary to cover the additional time consumed in making up the original deficiency. If the maximum six-month period has expired before the deficiency is noted and corrected, the application is held abandoned. In those instances where authorization to charge is included, processing delays are encountered in resuming the papers to the PTO Finance Branch in order to apply these charges prior to action on the cases. Authorization to charge the deposit account for any fee deficiency should be checked. See the Notice of April 7, 1986 (1065 O.G. 31-33).*

If any additional extension and/or fee or refund is required, charge or credit Account No. 12-0425

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SIGNATURE OF PRACTITIONER

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